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Forward

This binder contains 16 management plans developed under the Kamloops Area Management Planning Pilot Project. This project began in 1994 to develop, implement and evaluate a systems approach to management planning. The project concluded in October, 1996. The management plans contained in this binder provide long-term direction for a group of 10 Class A parks, five ecological reserves and one recreation area. The intention is to review this binder and the plans contained here at regular intervals. Plan vision statements and objectives will not change extensively over time. Management actions, however, will change as priorities, funding and support resources come available.

- ☑ Coldwater River Park
- ☐ Goldpan Park
- ☐ Juniper Beach Park
- ☐ Lac Le Jeune Park
- ☐ Marble Canyon Park
- ☐ McConnell Lake Park
- ☐ McQueen Creek Eco. Res.
- ☐ Monck Park
- ☐ Paul Lake Park
- ☐ Skihist Eco. Res.
- ☐ Skihist Park
- ☐ Skwaha Lake Eco. Res.
- ☐ Soap Lake Eco. Res.
- ☐ Steelhead Park
- ☐ Tranquille Eco. Res.
- ☐ Walloper Lake

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Coldwater River Park Management Plan

Introduction

This management plan defines the role of Coldwater River Park within the Provincial Park system and the objectives and guidelines for managing the park's values and visitor use activities.

The park role, objectives and zoning as stated in this plan cannot be contravened in meaning or intent without consultation with the public and the approval of the district manager and Parks Management Committee (PMC). A five year business plan is included as Appendix B to provide direction for implementing the management plan. The actions identified in the business plan will be accomplished as funding and resources permit. The business plan is subject to annual review and adjustments.

Background

Location: The park is located 20 kilometres south of Merritt. The government established this 76 hectare Class A Provincial Park on May 15, 1986.

Protected Area Values

Conservation

- river valley representation
- river (riparian) wildlife habitats
- fish spawning habitats

Culture

- railway history and First Nations fishing

Recreation

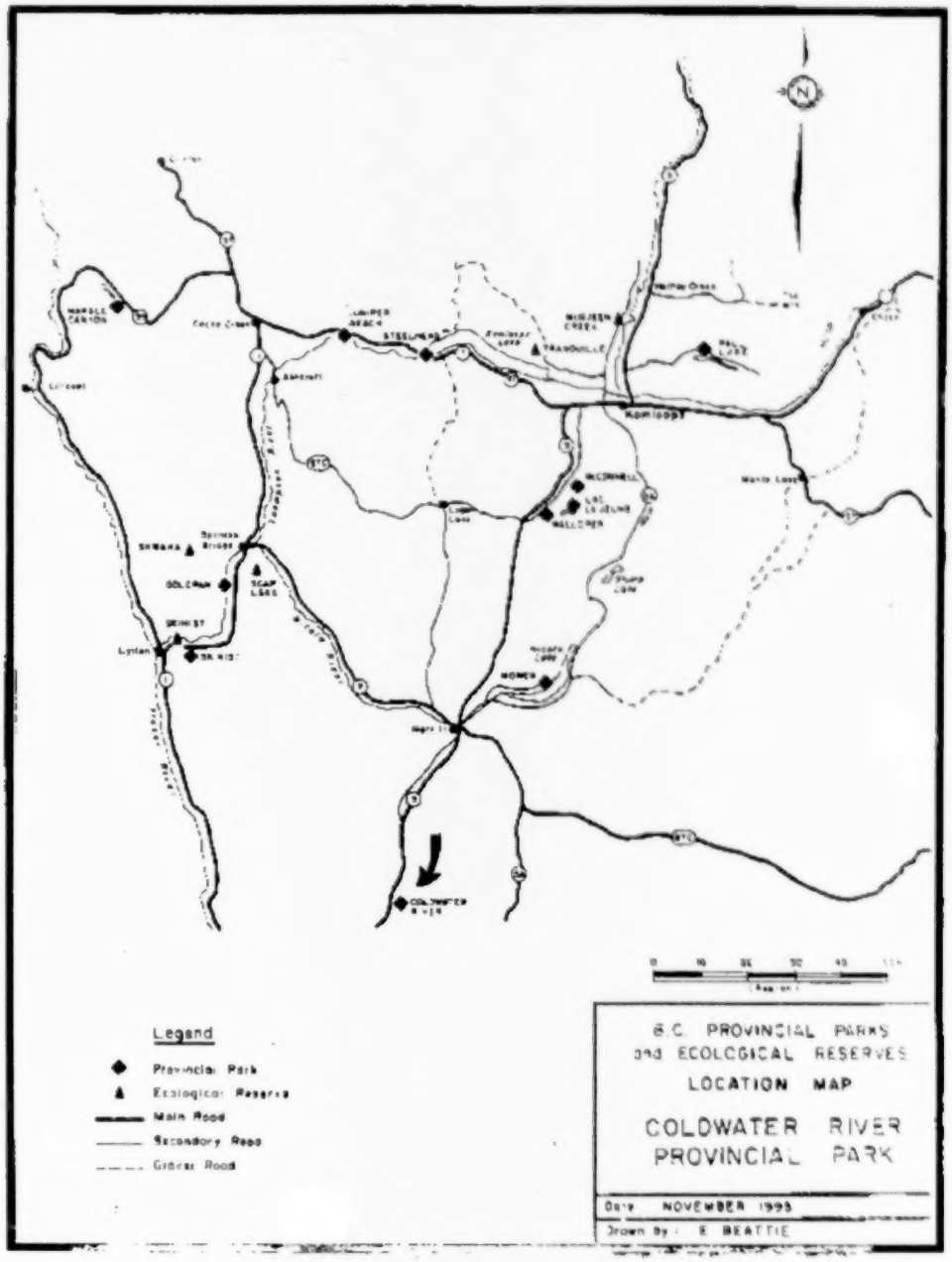
- river setting
- satisfies travel corridor and destination recreation goals
- provides fishing, winter recreation, camping, nature and historical interpretation, and auto-touring recreation activities

Private and Public Sector Interests

- Canadian Pacific Railway and Trans Mountain Pipeline rights-of-way. See land uses and encumbrances section.

First Nations Interests

- traditional fishing area
- part of the Coldwater First Nation's territory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LOCATION MAP
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PROVINCIAL PARK
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Existing Land Uses and Encumbrances

- CPR (Kettle Valley Railway) right-of-way Plan A247 - Certificate of Titles in the name of Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Co. Ltd. - excluded from the park.
- Trans Mountain Pipe Line CG 233 - Certificate of Titles in the name of the Crown - exclude from the park.

Role of the Park

Conservation

- to conserve a representative portion of a river valley ecosystem.

Recreation

- to retain options for future destination, travel corridor use and historical interpretation recreation opportunities.

Culture

- to protect First Nations cultural values.

Vision Statement

Beyond the year 2000, BC Parks will have managed Coldwater River Park as a protected natural area. This valley is recognized as having high potential for outdoor recreation opportunities. Coldwater Park will be one of many public parks and recreation areas enhancing the recreation activities available to the touring public using the Coquihalla Highway corridor by providing green space and a site for limited day-use and camping facilities.

Zoning

Natural Environment Zone

- Objective: to protect scenic values and to provide for recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.
- Zone description: includes all lands and waters within Coldwater Park.
- Appropriate land uses and recreation activities: hiking, walking, viewing, nature study, cross-country skiing and informal picnicking in an natural forest and river setting.

Management Concerns and Objectives

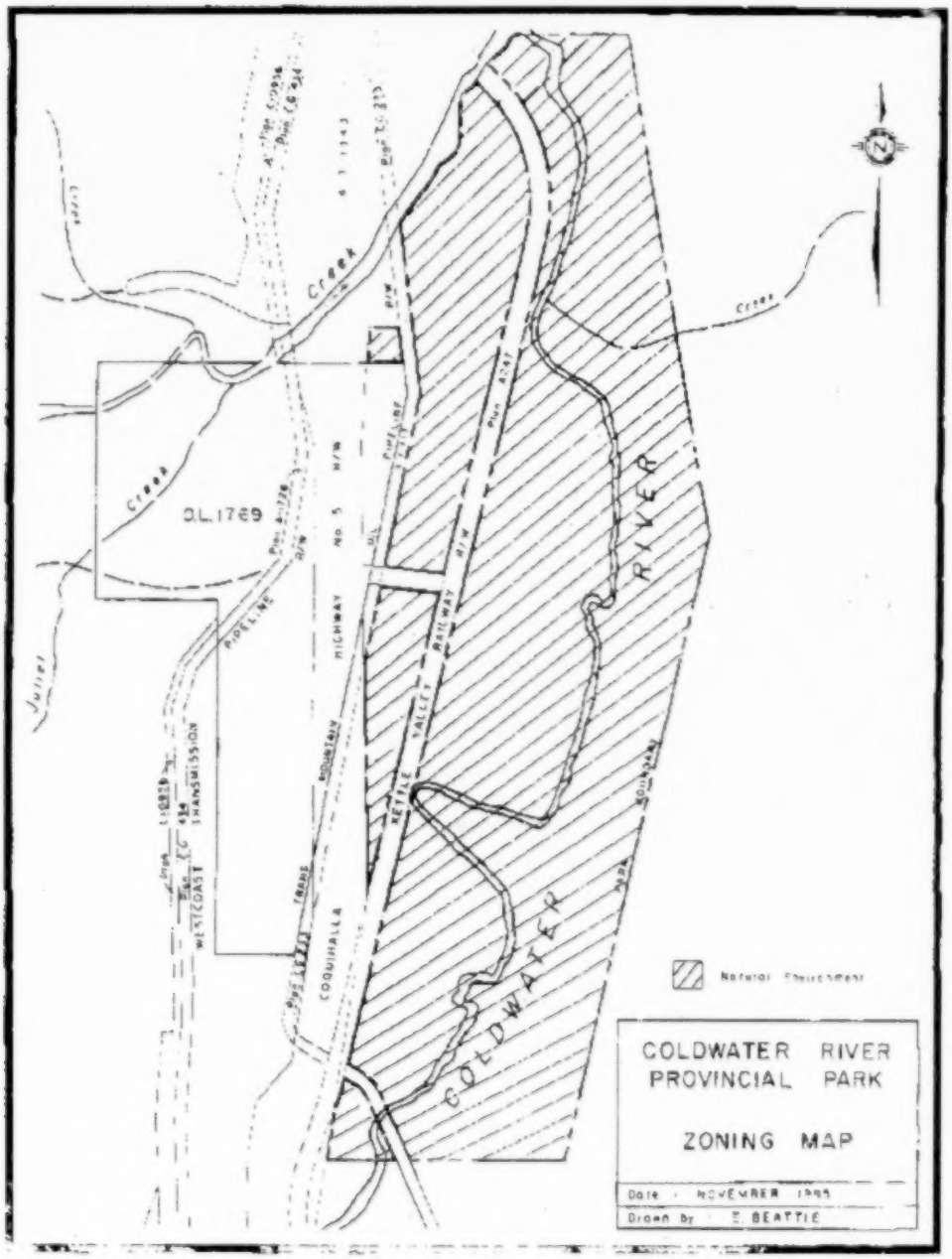
Conservation

Land

Objective : To maintain the park in a natural state.

Vegetation

Objective : To protect riparian river habitats and forest values.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Wildlife
Objective : To protect wildlife values in the park's upland and fish spawning habitats in the Coldwater River.

Recreation
Objective : To maintain this park as an undeveloped natural area providing informal recreation activities such as nature study, cross-country skiing, hiking and walking.

Culture
Objective : To ensure the protection and interpretation of First Nations cultural values and values associated with the Kettle Valley Railway.

Appendix A – Five Year Business Plan

Coldwater River

Goal/Action: Retain as land base